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SUBJECT: SHAPE-EUCOM COLLOCATION

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B) BONN 16783 DTG 071936Z OCT 77

1. ON JANUARY 11, THE EMBASSY PASSED TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY (DANNENBRING, HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS) THE TEXT
OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF A, EXCEPT FOR SECTION D (ECONOMIC
IMPACT OF THE COLLOCATION) AND THE FYI AT THE END OF THE
PARAGRAPH. WE FELT THAT SECTION D, WHICH LENDS ITSELF
TO USE WITH THE BELGIANS, COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FRG, SINCE PLUSES FOR THE BELGIAN
ECONOMY COULD BE INTERPRETED AS MINUSES FOR THE ECONOMY
OF THE STUTTGART AREA.

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2. DANNENBRING SAID THIS LATEST INFORMATION WOULD
FACILITATE THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WITHIN HIS
MINISTRY. HE SAID HE ASSUMED THAT FORMAL GERMAN
GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSED SHAPE-EUCOM
WARTIME COLLOCATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE
REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE, BUT HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN.

HE FELT THE EARLIEST THAT AGREEMENT COULD COME WOULD BE WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS, SINCE THE SENIOR LEVELS OF HIS MINISTRY WOULD HAVE TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE ENTIRE FILE ON THE PROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE NEW MATERIAL WHICH WE HAD JUST PROVIDED. EMBOFF TOLD DANNENBRING THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING HE COULD DO TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROPOSAL.

3. THE EMBASSY PROVIDED THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (COL. HANSEN OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS) WITH THE SAME MATERIAL WHICH WE GAVE TO DANNENBRING (PARA 1, ABOVE). THIS WAS FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S INFORMATION ONLY, SINCE IT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO SHAPE/EUCOM WARTIME COLLOCATION (REF B).
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